

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract of the invention as follows:

Abstract

Apparatus for mounting a connector part of a connector for use in an underwater or severe environment to an installation, the apparatus being adapted to be secured at a radially inner region thereof to the connector part and at a radially outer region thereof to the installation, and the apparatus comprising a flexible (elastomeric) portion (4, 20) extending in the circumferential direction for providing compliance between the connector part and the installation. The flexible portion (4) may include apertures (10) for receiving bolts for panel mounting. Rigid inserts (12) may be included in the apertures.